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# SANITARY LEGISLATION.

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## STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

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### PORTO RICO.

#### **Communicable Diseases—Service of Sanitation to Establish Hospitals for the Treatment of. (Act No. 44, Mar. 13, 1913.)**

SECTION 1. The service of sanitation is hereby authorized to create and establish, and is ordered to create and establish, an insular hospital in each one of the seven districts into which the island of Porto Rico is divided. Said hospital shall serve for the treatment of the sick suffering from transmissible and contagious diseases in the respective districts, especially tuberculosis and uncinariasis, as well as all those cases of sickness which can not be attended to in the municipal hospital.

SEC. 2. Said hospital shall be constructed in each district in the most adequate and hygienic locality to be determined by the service of sanitation upon recommendation of the insular board of health. For the organization and management of these sanitary institutions the director of sanitation will prepare the regulations.

SEC. 3. That the commissioner of the interior is hereby authorized and directed to order that such improvements as may be required be made on the lands obtained for the location and construction of the seven hospitals and to carry out the provisions of this act, and all projects and plans for improving buildings or constructions shall be made with future enlargement in view and executed in accordance with the legislation in force and must be previously approved by the insular board of health upon recommendation of the director of sanitation: *Provided*, That each hospital will have the number of beds which may be necessary to attend to local necessities.

SEC. 4. That for the purpose of complying with the provisions of the preceding section there is hereby appropriated such amount as may be necessary from any funds in the insular treasury not otherwise appropriated, but the total sum to be expended shall not exceed \$120,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary.

SEC. 5. The director of sanitation will appoint the medical superintendent of each one of these hospitals, as well as the assistants and subordinate personnel, necessary for the performance of the duties. The Executive Council is authorized to fix the salaries of all the employees of the hospitals, if the same shall not have been fixed already in the budget.

SEC. 6. That all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

#### **Institute of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene—Organization and Duties. (Act No. 58, Mar. 13, 1913.)**

SECTION 1. That the present Institute of Tropical Medicine shall be known as "The Institute of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene of Porto Rico." It shall be for the purpose of cooperating in the continuance of the campaign against uncinariasis and other transmissible diseases for the investigation of such diseases in the island of Porto Rico